streamline the process of recruitment and to end the practice of charging high examination fees from unemployed candidates; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item pertains to the reported decision taken by the Government of Orissa to make recruitment through the employment exchanges to post under the State Government Departments, Local Bodies, Quasi-Government Agencies and Statutory Bodies.

(b) and (c). So far as the Central Government Departments (including Quasi-Government institutions and Statutory organisations) are concerned, instructions already exist that all vacancies arising under these organisations irrespective of their nature and duration, other than those filled through the Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission are required to be notified to and filled through the employment exchanges except in specific cases where a different procedure has been laid down.

There is no proposal to give up the examination fees charged from candidates appearing in the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission as the present quantum of fees is not considered unreasonable.

Production of Radio Therapy Units

2067 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that radio therapy is an accepted procedure for treatment of Cancer;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce Cobalt Therapy sources within the country and what is the power of these sources already in production and likely to be in production in the next three years;

(c) whether any indigenous programme for the production of radio therapy units is under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Isotope Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre regularly produces and supplies cobalt-60 teletherapy sources with radiation output upto 150 roentgen per minutes at one metre distance (9000 curies). The radiation output of these sources will be raised upto 200 roentgen per minute in the next 3 years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Some manufacturers have shown interest in the indigenous production of cobalt-60 theapy unit. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is also undertaking the design of cobalt-60 teletherapy units.

Poor inflow in Krishna Basin

2068. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in *The Hindustan Times* dated the 14th July, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Krishna basin touches lowest in the last 100 years in Andhra Pradesh and poor inflow has been causing anxiety;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) step taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Levels reported from Andhra Pradesh projects in the Krishna Basin indicate that the levels in the first half of July, 1988, though on the low side, were not the lowest. With further inflows in recent weeks the position has considerably improved.

Plan to conserve Seasonal Flood Water

2069. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any specific plans to conserve the seasonal flood waters which is a recurring phenomenon in regions like Brahmaputra and Gangetic plains, particularly in view of the drought prevalent in many areas during the last three years through linking various rivers by constructing canals and diverting the course of flow of perennial rivers;

(b) if so, the details of the outlays and expectations about the progress in coming years; and

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard and their response to implement these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Storage works are being constructed to conserve the monsoon surpluses, as a part of developmental plans of the State Government Further, national perspectives have been outlined for water resources development by construction of storages and interlinking of rivers, and studies for establishing the feasibility of the peninsular rivers development component have been taken up in consultation with the State Governments. The National Water Development Agency which has been set up for this purpose programmes to complete necessary studies for establishing the feasibility of five of the seventeen water transfer links in the seventh Plan. The approved Seventh Plan outlay for the agency is Rs. 11.00 crores.

Cag report on defective ammunition supplied by Odnance Factories

2070. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 253 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an adverse report of Comptoller and Auditor General of India (CAG) for rectification of defects in the ammunition produced by the Ordnance factories; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these Ordnance factories and the action taken by Government to prevent such type of supply from these Ordnance factories in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are adverse comments in paragraph 76 of the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) for the year 1986-87 in relation to a defective ammunition produced by the Ordnance factories.

(b) Ordnance Factory, Khamaria and Ordnance Factory, Chanda were involved in the filling of the said ammunition. At no stage was the cause of defects attributed to any activity in the Ordnance factories. Detailed investigations revealed that the defects had occurred due to inherent limitations of the materials specified in the design and the Experts suggested that defective pieces should be retrieved by giving a coating of "Fibre Glass Reinforced Polyester" (FRP Coating). Results of technical and user trials on stores retrieved by above mentioned method have been found satisfactory. Action to complete repairs using this method is in hand. The use of LDPF material for manufacture of the stores was stopped in 1984.